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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Information Processing Coordinator
SUBJECT: OC/CRS Cable Dissemination Study

1. The OC/CRS team, established in response to paragraph 2c of the ExDir's memorandum of 13 January 1972 has reached an impasse in terms of agreement on dissemination. Most of the investigative work has been completed. The team generally agrees that there are no insurmountable problems in the technical area. The two sides have found themselves committed to conflicting views as to how cable dissemination should be handled in the future.

2. OC leans heavily towards the development of a new centralized system, operating on dedicated hardware and designed to handle in OC all facets of the dissemination of electrically-received narrative messages, including the NSA COMINT now being disseminated through MAD in CRS.

3. CRS rejects the above in favor of the further incremental development of MAD, in a multi-programming environment on mostly existing computer hardware, with the eventual objective of handling most of the cable dissemination, the major exception being the Agency "Staff Operational" messages. The latter would remain in OC and would be processed on a separate system.

4. There are two principal divergent viewpoints leading to the above separate and distinct recommendations. CRS believes that MAD would be by far the least expensive route. OC believes that it would be more expensive. OC believes that there is a close

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relationship between the communications and dissemination functions and a dominating commonality in the dissemination processes for all cables. CRS believes that the commonality between dissemination and other information processing functions in CRS, e.g., indexing (perhaps soon to be performed on-line), file building, and document and information retrieval, is particularly pertinent in that MAD has been designed to perform many of these functions through a single computer processing activity. OC believes strongly that cable dissemination should be handled as "near real time" activity. CRS believes that most non-staff operational dissemination can be batched and processed as frequently as would prove useful, providing that the "alert" function is maintained in OC and/or Operations Center.

5. As stated above, the study team sees no unsolvable technical problems with either system. It further has agreed to many design factors and requirements for any system or systems finally devised. It has collected much useful data that should help in the management and steady improvement of the entire dissemination picture in the Agency.

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Remarks: <p>In November at the request of the DDI, CRS prepared a five-year, month by month statement of dissemination activities, an annual summary of the monthly data and a memorandum pointing out the significance of the data. The 1971 data was a straight-line extension of ten months. Attached is a redo of that report to cover all of 1971. The original memorandum is also attached to show the changes that occurred as a result of using actual data rather than estimates for November and December of 1971.</p>			
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